



Kelleys Island Landowners Association
P O BOX 22, Kelleys Island OH 43438

March 2025

The objectives of the Kelleys Island Landowners Association are to preserve the tranquility and beauty of this island by remaining constantly alert and vigilant to any situation that could adversely affect the needs of our members and the island itself. We provide a forum where members can have the opportunity to present ideas, problems, and information; and we bring all available information regarding Kelleys Island to the Village Council and our members.

Dear Esteemed Landowners,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. As President of KILA, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to every KILA member, volunteer, and our fantastic Board members. Your dedication and hard work have been instrumental in making Kelleys Island a better place. Without you, KILA wouldn't exist, and I truly appreciate all that you do.

Recognizing Contributions

Serving as KILA's President for the past ten years has been an incredible honor. Over this time, we have seen tremendous growth and improvements, particularly in our annual Homecoming celebration, which has expanded from a four-hour event into the two-day tradition we enjoy today. With marching bands, live entertainment, the Friday fish fry, Saturday's great food and beer tent, and a variety of vendors—including Back to the Wild—we've created something truly special.

This success would not have been possible without the dedication of so many individuals. I want to recognize those who have played key roles over the years:

- **Tom Behlen & Ed Nowak** – For organizing and shaping the parade into what it is today.
- **Jennifer & Tom Pierrat and Joel Byler** – For their hard work on the fish fry.
- **Chris Kipfer** – For managing merchandise and the KILA booth.
- **Jim Coleman** – For overseeing Saturday's food and our Annual Potluck.
- **Drew Algase** – For coordinating the silent auction.
- **Frank Dodson** – For running the beer tent.
- **Melanie Bates** – For managing KILA's finances.
- **Janet Killam** – For organizing children's activities.
- **Jennifer Pierrat & Ellan Ralston** – For leading the annual Hayride

A special remembrance goes to our dear friend **Tom Beck**, who tirelessly sold countless raffle tickets. I also want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to **Diane Brookins**, who has put together these newsletters for so many years—thank you!

Of course, there are countless others who have volunteered their time and energy to support Homecoming and other KILA events. To every one of you—thank you! Your efforts make all the difference.

Giving Back to the Island

Through donations, annual dues, merchandise sales, and our yearly raffle, KILA has contributed to numerous community projects, including:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pavilion repairs – \$8,972• Downtown light pole – \$6,600• Community park sign – \$2,100• COVID safety masks and signs – \$4,128• New village trash cans – \$8,964 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• VFW flags – \$1,000• Trash receptacles for trailheads – \$771• New tables for 4-H – \$4,150• Playground at Community Park – \$40,000 |
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Looking Ahead

It has been my absolute pleasure to serve as President of this organization. KILA is made up of an incredible group of people who share a deep love for the island and a commitment to giving back.

This year will be my last as President, as I have decided not to run for re-election. However, I will continue to serve as a Board member and remain involved in efforts to support the island in new ways.

Thank you all for your dedication, generosity, and support over the years. Kelleys Island is a better place because of you.

With gratitude,

Chris Arnold

KILA President

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KILA has a whole calendar of Fun, Food and Entertainment scheduled for 2025 and we invite all KI residents and visitors to join the fun! The following are just a few of the many KILA and Chamber of Commerce happenings. For a complete list of all the 2025 scheduled events go to: <https://www.kelleysislandchamber.com/events/>

KILA's WELCOME BACK POT LUCK – Saturday May 17th, 1:00 - 3:00 PM - KILA's good old-fashioned



Pot Luck is back again this year! KILA provides the hotdogs and hamburgers, attendees bring their own table service. Mark your calendars and plan to attend at the KI COMMUNITY PARK PAVILION/BALL FIELD. This is a good opportunity to join or renew your KILA membership. KILA thanks you for your dues, they help us to continue to fund Island activities and projects.

HOMECOMING - This is KILA's 51st annual Homecoming! Festivities will begin at the KI Community Park Pavilion on **Friday August 8th** at 5:00 PM with our 5th annual FISH FRY. Come see Frank & Dean sing and enjoy a beer at the beer tent!



Saturday August 9th at 11:00 AM is our traditional HOMECOMING PARADE with a local High School marching band. Follow up the parade at the Park Pavilion for an afternoon of fun with the crafts & vendor market, food, beverages and enjoyment for the whole family!

Come and play in the cornhole tournament --- and kids will enjoy jumping around in the big bounce house! *Stay tuned for more information on this exciting KILA event!!*



While you're there, don't forget to purchase a **RAFFLE TICKET** and help support projects to improve and enhance Kelleys Island. In addition to raffle ticket sales, our fund-raising events and your \$20 annual dues to KILA go a long way to help us reach our goal! Over the past three years KILA has donated \$40,000 toward the new playground.

KILA FAMILY HAYRIDE – Saturday October 18th from 3:00-5:00 PM

Join us at the 4-H camp for hotdogs, marshmallow toasting, crafts, games and Hay Ride!! Wear your costume and bring your parents. Rain or shine it's always a lot of fun! \$10 donation per household or \$5/person. Sponsored by Kelleys Island Landowners Association and the KI 4-H camp.

FAMILY HAYRIDE



Kelleys island 5 & 10k run/walk The Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 42nd annual 5&10k run/walk on **Sunday June 1st, 2024**, from 9:00 AM -3:00 PM. Participants will enjoy a scenic route, along the lakefront, and will be provided with numerous water stations along the race route. Enjoy live music & lunch after the race at the Casino Bar and at Docker's Waterfront Bar & Restaurant.

Island fest – Friday July 18–20th, 11:00 AM - 11:00 PM -- The festival features craft vendors, food, beer tent, music & street dance on Friday and Saturday night, a parade on Saturday morning, and fireworks at dusk on Saturday. Fun activities for the entire family. This is a free outdoor event hosted by the Chamber of Commerce.

Kelleys island's got talent – Saturday July 26th, 1:00 - 5:00 PM. This is a judged talent contest hosted by the Chamber of Commerce. Free to audience members. Refreshments will be available. Children's competition starts at 1:00 PM and adult competition starts at 2:00 PM.



To REGISTER for the competition, please complete the waiver form and submit your 1-minute video to chickletsclaset@gmail.com by JUNE 26th. An audition video is required to participate in the show and a registration fee will be charged to the acts that are chosen. For more information on any of the Chambers' EVENTS and for the waiver forms, please visit the [KI CHAMBER of COMMERCE](https://www.kelleysislandchamber.com) at <https://www.kelleysislandchamber.com>.

COUNCIL NEWS

The STATE PARK has been busy creating new WALKING TRAILS around the quarry pit. The trails are very wide and perfect for walking! There are even viewing areas with large stones for sitting. Currently, the path curves around into the Lakeside Daisy area. This is an exciting Island update and we can't wait to check it out this Spring!



The NEW TRANSIENT RENTAL ORDINANCE took effect Feb. 1, 2025. Rental property owners must register by May 30. A safety inspection must be completed and submitted within 45 days of application along with a payment of fee of \$600 annually. A safety inspection will need to be completed and submitted once every three years. Deficiencies must be completed with 45 days and there are requirements for insurance and other safety items. Septic tank inspections are good for 36 months. If the property is sold, the new owner must complete a renewal application within 14 days of title transfer and secure new inspections if the current ones are expiring. Additional changes will likely be made.

COUNCIL passed an ordinance establishing a residential code for 1-2-3 family dwellings (single family homes, duplexes, and three family dwellings). The ordinance adopts Ohio Revised Code section 731.231 and establishes rules for the erection, construction, enlargement, alteration, repair, improvements, removal, conversion, demolition, equipment, use, occupancy or maintenance of 1-2-3 family dwelling houses. Copies of this code are on file with the Village Clerk. Both the new ordinance and a link to the Ohio Revised Code can be found on the Village website KelleysIsland.us.

The ZONING INSPECTOR recapped his first year in office with 40 new construction permits -- eight of which are new homes. He noted several problems needing attention, including campers on empty lots, conversion of accessory structures to living areas, constructing more bedrooms than identified on the zoning permit and septic permit, and converting single homes into duplexes. The Zoning Code now requires the Inspector to inspect structures and issue an Occupancy Permit--this was not done in the past. This will now fall under the authority of the new BUILDING DEPARTMENT. In addition, because of the number of structures constructed in violation of the setback requirements, a survey will be required for all construction projects. The Memorandum of Understanding with Sandusky will cover both the Review of Plans and Specifications as well as Building Inspection Services for commercial, residential and public buildings.

ISLAND DEATHS



- **Michael Joseph Feyedelem**, 76, passed away March 24, 2024
- **Lenore M. (Knapp) Remy**, 74, passed away April 1, 2024
- **Elsie M. (McLaughlin) Homegardner**, 91, passed April 8, 2024
- **Vera Baka** (nee Shepec), 95, passed away April 21, 2024
- **Thomas Tom E. Beck**, 83, passed away April 24, 2024
- **Edward E. Myers**, 65, passed away June 2, 2024
- **Randy S. Lorenz**, 70, passed away June 20, 2024
- **Rita Brdicka**, 94, passed away July 5, 2024
- **Karen Marie Maust**, passed away July 10, 2024
- **Frederick (Fritz) W. Ziegler**, 94, passed away November 29, 2024
- **Patricia Jean (Greeney) Seholzer**, 90, passed away January 18, 2025
- **Charles M. Schodowski**, "Big Chuck" 90, passed away January 19, 2025

** The above notices were gathered from the several sources and from word-of-mouth. We sincerely apologize if we've missed anyone. ♥*

DONATIONS to KILA, a 501.c.3 charitable organization, has some tax advantages too! Your donation may be deductible when you itemize expenses, and you can make a Qualified Charitable Contribution (QCD) directly from your IRA to KILA. This direct donation does not count as ordinary income to you as a distribution from your retirement plan usually would. This QCD will count towards your required minimum distribution (RMD) for those of you older than 70.5. **Please consult with your tax advisor to be sure you understand the tax issues with these donations.**

As always, if you have SUGGESTIONS for improvements that KILA can help to make on the island, let us know! E-MAIL us at: info@KILA.rocks

<u>KILA Membership Application</u>		Kelleys Island Landowners Association
Annual KILA Dues Renewal	\$20.00	
New Member	\$25.00	
<p>Please make checks payable to KILA and mail to: PO Box 22, Kelleys Island, OH 43438 For your convenience you can also pay by PayPal at KILA.rocks or Zelle via drew@kila.rocks or use the QR code (on the right)</p>		
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City / State / Zip	_____	
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